

GERMAN SOLDIERS REFUSE TO KILL THEIR OWN OFFICERS IN TRENCHES

(Correspondence Associated Press.)

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 21.—Evidence that the German commanders are well aware that the German army is deteriorating and that they have to try to keep it together by terrifying their troops is given in a letter written by an officer of a Liverpool regiment to one of the local newspapers. Expressing the opinion that the "collapse of the German will come soon," he added:

"The best cure for pessimism would be a few days in the front line trenches. There are no pessimists here except among the German prisoners."

"The last time our battalion was in action we took quite a number of prisoners, and they were a dismal lot. One non-commissioned officer with whom I spoke told me that large numbers of the Germans simply will not face our fire, but refuse to attack. His own company had been under fire for nearly five days, and at last they had signed a round-robin to the company commander to

say that they could not stay any longer. Two of the ringleaders were arrested with the idea of making an example of them, but their comrades demanded their release with such energy that the officers had to give way. Later on the men repeated their demand to be taken out of the front line. The officers ordered them back to duty, but the men refused. The officers threatened the soldiers, who replied by killing all but four of the officers and marching over to the British lines to surrender."

"When this particular battalion was moved up against the British the men had to be bullied into fighting by being sent into action in front of a moving barrage, which meant certain death to all who lagged behind."

"On another occasion recently, our Liverpool regiment had a fierce fight which ended up with a very strange experience. We had heavily engaged and driven off in panic some Germans who had been holding a strong position. Moving on to the next objective, another party of the

enemy appeared. We felt certain that we were in for a rough experience, but the truth was that this bunch wanted to surrender badly, and they had made a pretense of advancing to a counter-attack with the object of getting near enough to us to be sure of protection from their own officers."

"When the German command found out what had happened, they sent forward a great body of reserves with orders to recapture our prisoners. Heavy gunfire rained on us, of which the prisoners got a good share. They begged us hard to save them, and we did all we could. But at one stage we were nearly caught, when the enemy suddenly turned on a party of liquid fire experts. Fortunately we were alert and charged at once, capturing the whole liquid fire outfit. There ensued a terrible row between the earlier prisoners and the men we had taken with the liquid fire outfit. The first prisoners wanted to kill the liquid fire men. We had our hands full getting them all back."

RED CROSS WILL SUPPLY EVERY MEDICAL RESOURCE FOR THE ARMY

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The American Red Cross intends not only to see to it that every medical resource shall be within the reach of the young American troops in France, but to stand by with friendly service in every other way that offers. This purpose is set forth by Major Grayson M. P. Murphy, Red Cross commissioner for Europe, in a report on the work now being conducted and organized in France, made public by W. P. Davidson, chairman of the Red Cross war council.

"The American Red Cross stands ready," says Major Murphy, "to put its money, supplies and organization at the call of the American army for Red Cross service at every point and at any time. It organizes and equips and turns over to the gov-

ernment absolutely the hospital units that are employed in France. Its medical and surgical division in France acts as an auxiliary to the medical department of the United States army. So also its United States army division acts as auxiliary to the expeditionary force."

"The Red Cross," adds Major Murphy, "has undertaken to place eighteen rest stations on the lines of communication of the American army. Forty dispensaries for the treatment of the civil population in the American army zone have been put into operation."

Plans have been made for operating portable kitchens, ice plants, laundries, baths, dental ambulances and ambulances for treating injuries to the eyes, lighting and sterilizing plants and mobile hospitals to assist in caring for the wounded in a

big drive. The Red Cross will supply artificial limbs, will make and maintain stores of surgical dressings and now is distributing such dressings among 3,617 hospitals in France.

Five hospitals, including some of the best known institutions in France, have been taken over by the Red Cross for the treatment of ill and wounded French soldiers.

An agreement has been reached under which the Red Cross will conduct recreation work for the children in the hospitals and convalescent homes for soldiers in France, while the Y. M. C. A. carries on similar work in the field and at Paris. Red Cross bureaus are to be stationed with each American regiment and at hospitals to "amplify and humanize the short reports which the army must give of men killed, wounded or missing."

PRESIDENT FOR UNITED ACTION

INSTRUCTS HOUSE TO CONFER WITH LEADERS TO OBTAIN GREATER CO-OPERATION.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Col. Edward M. House, head of the American mission, has received a cablegram from President Wilson stating emphatically that the United States government considers that unity of plan and control between all the allies and the United States is essential in order to achieve a just and permanent peace.

President Wilson emphasizes the fact that this unity must be accomplished if the great resources of the country are to be used to the best advantage, and he requests Col. House to confer with the heads of the allies with a view to achieving the closest possible co-operation.

President Wilson has asked Col. House to attend the first meeting of the supreme war council, with Gen. Tasker H. Bliss as military adviser.

It is hoped that the meeting will take place in Paris before the end of the month.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the week beginning Sunday, November 18:

Rocky Mountain and Plateau Regions: The weather will be fair over the northern sections, and fair weather during the first half of the week in the central and southern sections of the district, probably followed by rain during the second half of the week. There will be somewhat higher temperatures.

Pacific States: There will be occasional rains after Monday over the north portion and fair weather first half over the central and southern portions, probably followed by rain second half of the week. There will be no decided temperature changes.

—H. C. Frankenfield, Forecaster.

2000 FIREMEN AND ENGINEERS ARE NEEDED

At present there is a great demand for firemen and engineers in the United States navy to man the great ocean liners now being used as transports for carrying men and material. Recently the navy department has called upon the Pacific slope states to furnish 2,000 men of this class by December 15, 1917, to man the ships taken over for war purposes on this side.

No experience is required, but the men must be healthy, able-bodied American citizens between the ages of 21 and 35 years.

The lowest paid man of this class starts in at \$36.20 per month and in case he is married, under the act of congress of October 6, 1917, he is allowed an additional \$15 for his wife; in case of a wife and child he is allowed \$25 additional; for a wife and two children \$32.50 additional, and \$5 additional for each child up to \$50; this is all in addition to his initial pay of \$36.20, so that a man with a family between the age of 21 and 35 might start out with a pay of \$86.20 a month as a recruit. This extra allowance is made merely to properly provide for dependent families, besides this the men being allowed \$60 for clothing on enlistment, and board and lodging is all provided by the government without charge to the recruit.

Navy recruiting stations are located at the following places: Reno, Nev., Marysville, Cal., Sacramento, Cal., San Jose, Cal., San Francisco, Cal., Oakland, Cal., Stockton, Cal., and Fresno, Cal.

Application for further information and enlistment can be made at any of these places and from these stations transportation is furnished by the government to place of first service for necessary instruction preliminary to active duty.

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LITTLE LOOTING IN PETROGRAD

LENINE TELLS FOREIGN DIPLOMATS THEY ARE "GUESTS OF REPUBLIC."

(By Associated Press.)

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 19.—Petrograd was quiet up to Wednesday evening, according to advices from what are regarded here as reliable sources. The railway employees were refusing to transport troops for either faction and the food situation in the capital was becoming serious.

The correspondent talked with an American business man, who left Petrograd Wednesday. He reports that no foreigners in the city had been molested and that Nikolai Lenin said to a delegation of foreign diplomats, who called on him at the Solny institute:

"Instructions have been given to treat foreigners with all consideration. They are guests of the republic."

The American traveler characterized Lenin as a man desiring peace, but said that Leon Trotsky was using violent language and threatening his opponents with death. Very little looting was reported.

GERMAN SPY CONFESSES.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Joseph W. Noth, arrested here with documents showing connection with the German secret service, is said to have made a statement to government officials which will result in his being taken before the grand jury and questioned concerning the Hindu revolt plot, the principals in which will go on trial in San Francisco today.

The name of Wolfe Von Igel, indicted former secretary to Captain Franz Von Papen was linked with Noth's today.

Noth was born in Baden, Germany, twenty-eight years ago and he was not registered for the draft nor listed as an alien enemy.

NEVADA AGAIN MAKES A WONDERFUL RECORD

The following is an excerpt from a telegram just received by Adjutant General Sullivan from the provost marshal general:

"The preliminary estimates of cost from the various states disclose remarkably discrepancies. The state of Nevada absorbed all expenses incident to the draft, which cost the federal government nothing in that state. The states of Oklahoma, Connecticut and North Dakota kept the per capita cost of delivering a selected man to a railroad station under \$2; the states of Kansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana and Nebraska, under \$4; Missouri and New Jersey, under \$5; Ohio, Florida and Colorado, under \$16; Illinois, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming, under \$7; Arizona and Massachusetts, under \$8; Arkansas, California, Georgia, Michigan and Washington, under \$9; Maryland and Texas, under \$10; New Mexico, Oregon and Tennessee, under \$11; Vermont, under \$14, while the cost in Wisconsin and Maine runs to something over \$17."

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EXPO. COON CAUGHT.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 19.—A large coon which fed on the goldfish exhibit in the Palace of Fine Arts on the exposition site here, is now on exhibit himself. The coon took up his quarters near the lagoon in front of the palace, and literally chewed his way into the room where the goldfish occupy a very ornate marble pool. The quick decision of the fish was soon noticed by attendants, who also discovered the coon tracks. They set an old-fashioned figure four trap in the pool and baited it with a bit of dried herring. The coon accepted the change in diet and now occupies a large, strong cage near the goldfish pool.

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PARTIAL DICTIONARY OF ALTITUDES FOR NEVADA

Bulletin 654 of the United States geological survey, department of the interior, which shows the results of spirit leveling in Nevada during the last twenty years, has just been published, and a copy will be sent free to anyone applying to the director of the survey at Washington, D. C.

This book gives the exact elevation of about 2,000 points in Nevada, where special marks have been established, consisting of metal tablets cemented in rock or of iron posts that are firmly fixed in the ground. Engineers and others who are preparing to make special surveys should get this bulletin and use these bench marks as starting points or as tie points in their work.

The bulletin includes an appendix which should be of more than momentary interest to the merely curious as well as to the seeker after

information, for it gives the approximate elevation of about a hundred towns, mining camps, passes, and mountain tops in the state. The lowest point in the state is 470 feet above sea level—the surface of the Colorado river; the highest is the east peak of the White mountains, which stands at an elevation of 13,146 feet.

FINLAND A REPUBLIC.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Oskari Tokol, the Social Democrat leader in Finland and former Finnish premier, is expected to form a new Finnish government today, according to an Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen. The diet will proclaim Finland an independent republic, the dispatch adds.

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